



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03180.0255-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Takehiko TSUCHIYA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2121  
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Application No.: 09/606,148 ) Examiner: Chang, Sunray  
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Filed: June 29, 2000 )  
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For: CIRCUIT DESIGNING APPARATUS, ) Confirmation No.: 7735  
CIRCUIT DESIGNING METHOD, AND )  
COMPUTER READABLE RECORDING )  
MEDIUM STORING A CIRCUIT )  
DESIGNING PROGRAM )

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004, the period for response having been extended to December 1, 2004, by a Petition for Extension of Time of two (2) months and fee payment filed herewith—and concurrent with the Request for Continued Examination also filed herewith and reopening prosecution—Applicants present the following amendments and remarks. Since the Advisory Action mailed November 3, 2004, indicates that the Amendment After Final filed October 1, 2004, would be entered for purposes of Appeal and no Appeal has been filed in this application, Applicants assume that the Amendment After Final has not been entered. Applicants do not request entry of the Amendment After Final filed October 1, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 3.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper and begin on page 9.